PRIMARY SCHOOL HEAD-MASTERS—ALLOWANCE OF

267. Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) are the Head-masters of fully developed primary schools given any allowance over and above their pay and if so, what amount;

(*b*) is this allowance taken into consideration in the matter of determining the amount of pension to be given to them at the time of retirement;

(*c*) were they at any time given allowance in the shape of annual increments up to Rs. 5;

(*d*) were such allowances taken into consideration in the matter of determining the amount of pension given to them;

(*e*) when was the practice put a stop to and why;

(*f*) the number of such Head-masters who were given allowance in the shape of annual increments, but in whose cases such allowances were not taken into consideration in awarding pension?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):*

(*a*) Yes. Rs. 3.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) From 13th Makaram 1112. Because Government thought that there was no justification to continue the practice.

(*f*) 18.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* May I know whether in view of the fact that there are only 18 teachers affected by the sudden stoppage of this practice, will the Government reconsider their case and allow them pension calculating this allowance also?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* It is not purely a question of finance, but this was stopped on principle. Government is asked the either way. After all, the amount is small and number of people affected is small.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* You have given this to a certain number under the old practice and that practice is suddenly stopped, and a few are affected by that. I think, it

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would be better to consider their case also in order to avoid heart-burning.

NELLIAMPATHIES—CONDITIONS OF ESTATE LABOURERS

268. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many estates are there in the Nelliampathi Hills, Cochin State;

(*b*) how many persons are employed in each estate as coolies;

(*c*) males—females—how many;

(*d*) whether there are cooly lines built for housing them;

(*e*) whether there are separate houses for each family or separate rooms or suite of rooms for each family;

(*f*) whether there is a provision store;

(*g*) whether it is conducted by private merchants or by estate authorities;

(*h*) what will be the difference in the price of articles available at Nemmara and at Nelliampathies; what will be the wages given to a male and to a female in Coffee estate, Tea estate and Rubber estate?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests)*:

(*a*) 15.

(*b*) & (*c*) A statement is appended. *(Appendix II.)*

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) No separate houses. Separate suitable rooms have been provided.

(*f*) Yes, in all estates except in Shernelli estate, which is close to Pothundi and Nemmara.

(*g*) The store is conducted by the estate authorities for rice only. The coolies have to purchase sundries from private merchants at Nelliampathi, for which cash payment is made by the estate authorities.

(*h*) 10 per cent in rice and 15 per cent in sundries.

Coffee Estate

Male	Re. 0— 6— 0
Female	,, 0— 4— 0

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